

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in two telephone interviews with **Attorney Ashley I. Pezzner** (registration # 35,646, tel: 302 658-9141) **on April 8 and 15, 2010** to add Brief Description for Drawing in specification as following:

#### **Specification**

**Page 6** at line 35 please add the following section heading and paragraph:

#### **Brief Description of the Drawing**

Figure 1 shows the conductivity of the membrane produced according to the invention.

#### **DETAILED ACTION**

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2. This office action is only **supplemental to the Notice of Allowance filed on February 17, 2010.** The purpose of this office action is only to add the required Brief Description For Drawing according to MPEP. **It is noted that the Applicants have not paid the issue fee as today.**

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to **Dr. Henry S. Hu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1103.** The examiner can be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM –5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The **fax** number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **(571) 273-8300** for all regular communications.

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